

~~force~~ United States Army or Air Force subject in time of peace to ~~such~~ general exceptions as ~~may be~~ authorized by the Secretary of Defense.

"§ 127A-31. Location of units.

The Governor shall determine and fix the location of the units and headquarters of the North Carolina National Guard within the State; but no organization of the North Carolina National Guard, members of which shall be entitled to and shall have received compensation under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 3, 1916, as amended, shall be disbanded without the consent of the President, nor without ~~such~~ that consent shall the commissioned or enlisted strength of any such organization be reduced below the minimum that is now or shall be hereafter prescribed therefor by the President.

"§ 127A-32. Officers appointed and commissioned; oath of office.

All officers of the North Carolina National Guard shall be appointed and commissioned by the Governor as follows, viz.:

- (1) Except as otherwise specifically provided by the laws of the United States, the qualifications for appointment as an officer in the North Carolina National Guard shall be the same as those prescribed for the regular establishment, subject to ~~such~~ general exceptions as ~~may be~~ authorized by the Secretary of Defense.
- (2) Candidates for ~~such~~ appointment shall make written application therefor on ~~such~~ forms as ~~may be~~ prescribed by the secretary of the appropriate service, to the Adjutant General, State of North Carolina, through command channels for comment by endorsements thereon.
- (3) No person shall hereafter be appointed an officer of the North Carolina National Guard unless ~~he~~ the person has established to the satisfaction of a board of officers ~~his~~ that person's physical, moral, and professional qualifications to perform the duties of the grade and position for which examined, subject to ~~such~~ general exceptions as ~~may be~~ authorized by the Secretary of Defense. The board shall consist of three or more commissioned officers of the appropriate service, appointed under ~~such~~ regulations as ~~may be~~ promulgated by the secretary of the appropriate service.
- (4) Candidates appointed as officers of the North Carolina National Guard shall take and subscribe to the following oath of office:

"I, (First Name – Middle Name – Last Name), do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of North Carolina against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will obey orders of the President of the United States and of the Governor of the State of North Carolina; that I make this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of (Grade) (Branch) in the National Guard of the State of North Carolina upon which I am about to enter, so help me God."

"§ 127A-33. Promotion of officers by seniority and in accordance with regulations.

The promotion of all officers shall be by seniority as far as ~~the same is~~ practicable and ~~to~~ in the best interest of the service within the organization, and in accordance with regulations promulgated by the secretary of the appropriate service.

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"§ 127A-35. Elimination and disposition of officers; efficiency board; transfer to inactive status.

(a) Whenever the efficiency or general fitness, including physical fitness, of a North Carolina National Guard officer is in question, the Adjutant General, State of North Carolina, may order ~~him~~ the officer to appear before an efficiency board to determine whether or not the appointment of the officer should be withdrawn. The efficiency board will be composed of not